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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
MASAYUKI YAMADA)	Examiner: Michael N. Opsasnick
Application No.: 09/262,852)	Group Art Unit: 2655
Filed: March 5, 1999)	Allowed: November 18, 2005
For: SPEECH SYNTHESIS APPARATUS)	Confirmation No.: 1089
USING PITCH MARKS, CONTROL)	
METHOD THEREFOR, AND)	
COMPUTER-READABLE MEMORY)	
(As Twice Amended))	February 7, 2006

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed November 18, 2005 included, as an attachment, a statement of reasons for allowance.

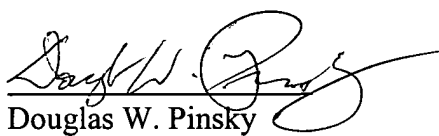
However, not all of the noted patentable features are recited in each independent claim. For example, the independent claims do not recite "a third calculation calculating inter-pitch mark distances, in addition to the first two pitch calculations."

Accordingly, the statement of reasons for allowance is deemed to not necessarily accurately

reflect what is recited in the independent claims. Nevertheless, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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